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HOUSE BILL 1775

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1            AN ACT Relating to crimes against livestock belonging to another  
2 person; amending RCW 4.24.320; adding a new chapter to Title 16 RCW;  
3 and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) It is unlawful for a person to  
6 intentionally kill or harm a horse or cattle belonging to another  
7 person, without consent of the owner. A violation of this section  
8 constitutes a class B felony.

9            (2) This section does not apply to individuals meeting the  
10 definition of slaughterer or packer, as those terms are defined in RCW  
11 16.50.110, when conducting activities consistent with those  
12 definitions.

13            **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.320 and 2005 c 419 s 2 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15            Any person who suffers damage to livestock as a result of actions  
16 described in RCW 16.52.205 or any owner of livestock who suffers damage  
17 as a result of a willful, unauthorized act described in RCW 9A.56.080  
18 (~~(or)~~), 9A.56.083, or section 1 of this act may bring an action against

1 the person or persons committing the act in a court of competent  
2 jurisdiction for exemplary damages up to three times the actual damages  
3 sustained, plus attorney's fees. As used in this section, "livestock"  
4 means the animals specified in RCW 9A.56.080.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new  
6 chapter in Title 16 RCW.

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